



## Michael W. Kaphing

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Mike Kaphing practices principally in the areas of:

- General commercial litigation
- Energy and utility industry litigation
- Legal malpractice defense
- Banking litigation
- Real estate foreclosure
- Land use and planning and zoning litigation
- Judgment enforcement and collections
- Lease disputes

As part of his litigation practice, Mike has handled a variety of disputes involving business contracts, utility property damage, right-of-way disputes, loan defaults, commercial leases, land use and real estate matters and has successfully represented a broad range of clients in all phases of litigation through appeal and judgment enforcement.

Prior to joining Briggs, he worked in the gas field and also as a law clerk for a Fortune 500 gas and electric utility company.

### Honors & Awards

Outstanding Achievement in Labor Law, Minnesota State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section

### Experience

- Regularly successfully defend law firms against legal malpractice claims.
- Represented defendant in wrongful death construction site case.
- Successfully opposed and defeated proposed land use through writ of certiorari.

### Practice Areas

Business Litigation  
Energy Litigation  
Bankruptcy and Financial  
Restructuring

### Education

Hamline University School  
of Law, J.D., 2008, *Magna  
Cum Laude*, Dean's List,  
CALI awards

University of Wisconsin-  
Madison, B.S., 2005

### Bar & Court Admissions

Minnesota  
U.S. District Court District of  
Minnesota

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- Successfully represented individuals in wetland use dispute with local government through administrative process and Court of Appeals.

### **Affiliations**

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Minnesota Children's Museum, Board of Directors

### **News & Insights**

#### **News**

Briggs and Morgan Announces New Shareholders  
October 22, 2015

Seven Associates Join Briggs and Morgan  
November 18, 2008

#### **Publications**

"Ethical Issues on Appeal in a Technological World," Co-Author, *For the Defense*  
November 2013